

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Fraudulent Advertisements on Craigslist**

**PULLMAN** – The Pullman Police Department has recently received two confirmed reports of intentionally fraudulent advertisements on Craigslist directing prospective buyers to call a certain phone number. The phone number provided in both instances belongs to a local business that did not place the advertisement. Consequently the business has been inundated with phone calls in response to the fraudulent ads.

The Pullman Police Department has initiated a criminal investigation into the fraudulent activities, which is a class B felony and punishable by a prison sentence of up to 10 years and a fine of up to \$20,000.

Anyone with information that may help in the investigation is asked to contact Pullman Police Officer Brandon Koe at (509) 334-0802.

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